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PROCESSING

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used 27.3 million cwt of 2001 crop raw potatoes to January 1, 23 percent less than a year ago. Idaho potatoes contributed 22.8 million cwt of the total potatoes processed, the remaining 4.58 million cwt were produced in other states. Processing of the 2001 crop potatoes totaled 81.0 million cwt to January 1, down 15 percent from last year.

POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING,^{1/} NINE STATES, 2000 AND 2001

STATE	STORAGE SEASON	TO OCT 1	TO NOV 1	TO DEC 1	TO JAN 1	TO FEB 1	TO MAR 1	TO APR 1	TO MAY 1	TO JUN 1	ENTIRE SEASON
<i>1,000 Cwt</i>											
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore. All Potatoes	2000-01	12,730	22,080	29,290	35,720	43,470	50,580	58,910	66,760	75,270	93,460
	2001-02	8,050	14,350	20,940	27,330						
IDAHO Potatoes	2000-01	7,790	16,030	22,840	28,740	36,000	42,530	50,250	57,390	65,470	82,610
	2001-02	5,670	10,970	17,030	22,750						
Maine ^{2/}	2000-01			1,845	2,475	3,105	3,695	4,225	4,760	5,340	7,015
	2001-02			1,935	2,420						
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	2000-01	19,460	27,510	34,770	40,970	47,720	55,250	62,860	69,850	78,010	91,130
	2001-02	15,380	22,090	29,270	35,310						
Other States ^{3/}	2000-01			12,665	16,215	18,975	22,095	25,410	28,695	31,765	39,020
	2001-02			12,715	15,905						
TOTAL (9 STATES)	2000-01			78,570	95,380	113,270	131,620	151,405	170,065	190,385	230,625
	2001-02			64,860	80,965						

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME, MI, and WI. 2/ Includes ME grown potatoes only. 3/ MN, NV, ND, SD, and WI.

STOCKS

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers and processors in Idaho on January 1 totaled 86.0 million cwt, 15.0 million cwt less than on hand January 1, 2001. Disappearance, at 42.0 million cwt, is down from last year's 51.3 million cwt and below 2000's 47.3 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest Counties totaled 5.60 million cwt, below last year's 7.50 million cwt. The Other Counties' stocks, at 80.4 million cwt, was 13.1 million cwt below the amount stored on January 1, 2001.

The "Root Mean Square Error" for the January 1, 2002 Idaho Potato Stocks estimate is 4.1 percent. This means that chances are 2 out of 3 that the current estimate of 86.0 million cwt will not be above or below the final estimate by more than 4.1 percent or 3.5 million cwt. Chances are 9 out of 10 (90 percent confidence interval) that the difference will not exceed 7.1 percent or approximately 6.1 million cwt.

UNITED STATES POTATO STOCKS DOWN 15 PERCENT

January 1, 2002 potato stocks totaled 233 million cwt, down 15 percent from 2001 and 3 percent below two years ago. Potatoes in storage account for 59 percent of fall storage States' production, down 1 percentage point from a year ago. Disappearance from the start of harvest to January 1, at 161 million cwt, is down 12 percent from the 2000 crop and 11 percent below two years ago. This is the lowest disappearance since 1993.

Eastern States stored 14.2 million cwt of potatoes on January 1, 2002, down 11 percent from a year ago and 16 percent below two years ago. Maine's holdings are down 15 percent and Pennsylvania's stocks are off 7 percent from last year. New York's potato storage total gained 16 percent from a year ago.

Central States accounted for 55.2 million cwt of potato stocks this January 1, down 9 percent from 2001 but 5 percent above 2000. North Dakota's stocks are up 4 percent, but the other five central States are down. Wisconsin's stocks are down 3 percent and Michigan's are 10 percent lower. Stocks in Minnesota are off 17 percent from a year ago and Nebraska's stocks down 36 percent.

Western States held 164 million cwt of potatoes in storage on January 1, 2002, down 18 percent from last year and 4 percent below 2000. Idaho's potato stocks are down 15 percent from a year ago, while Washington and Montana are down 12 percent each. Oregon's stocks are off 33 percent and California's potato holdings are off 57 percent from a year ago. Colorado is down 25 percent from 2001.

FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION & STOCKS 1996-2001 IDAHO & 15 FALL STATES

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1 2/
IDAHO	1,000 Cwt							
1996	142,800	102,000	92,000	82,000	70,000	56,000	41,000	
1997	140,314	102,000	91,500	81,000	69,500	56,000	41,500	
1998	138,000	99,500	89,000	77,500	66,000	52,000	37,000	23,000
1999	133,330	96,000	86,000	76,500	65,000	50,000	36,000	21,000
2000	152,320	111,000	101,000	87,500	76,500	61,500	47,000	26,500
2001	127,980	95,000	86,000					
15 STATES 1/								
1996	443,704	295,100	261,320	226,080	189,210	147,635	103,210	
1997	413,513	278,830	246,550	212,562	175,870	134,190	92,840	
1998	423,170	280,910	246,230	209,640	173,650	131,220	87,895	50,270
1999	420,567	275,100	239,910	207,150	169,620	128,410	86,915	47,220
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,240
2001	394,161	266,520	233,420					

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states. 2/ Stocks not available prior to 1998.

PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON JANUARY 1, 2001 AND JANUARY 1, 2002 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2000			CROP OF 2001		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JANUARY 1, 2001	JANUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS JANUARY 1, 2002	JANUARY 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	1,000 Cwt		Percent	1,000 Cwt		Percent
California	3,741	2,100	56	1,113	900	81
Colorado	27,972	17,700	63	21,357	13,300	62
Idaho	152,320	101,000	66	127,980	86,000	67
Maine	17,920	12,500	70	16,120	10,600	66
Michigan	14,963	6,900	46	14,030	6,200	44
Minnesota	21,240	13,000	61	18,425	10,800	59
Montana	3,503	3,250	93	3,040	2,850	94
Nebraska	10,127	6,650	66	8,512	4,250	50
New York	5,964	1,900	32	5,942	2,200	37
N. Dakota	26,950	16,200	60	26,400	16,900	64
Ohio	1,134	170	15	984	120	12
Oregon	30,683	23,000	75	20,730	15,500	75
Pennsylvania	3,510	1,500	43	3,173	1,400	44
Washington	105,000	52,000	50	94,400	45,500	48
Wisconsin	33,800	17,400	51	31,955	16,900	53
15 STATES TOTAL	458,827	275,270	60	394,161	233,420	59

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage in 2001 totaled 27.4 million cwt.